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A city that is dirty physically, cannot be clean morally, says the Chicago Record Herald. A city that is dirty morally, is dirty politically and every other way.

The omnibus pension bill was passed by the House Thursday. It carries appropriation for \$169,150,000. The pension system was defended by Representative Langley, of Kentucky.

Seth Low, former Mayor of New York, was elected President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, the office held by his father 50 years ago. It was the first instance of a son following his father as head of the chamber. Abiel Abbott Low served as President from 1863 to 1867.

BECKHAM HAS AN EASY LEAD FOR NOMINATION.

It is just 12 weeks until the state primary election at which, on August 1, the United States senatorial nominations will be made, and this far in advance of the day it seems certain that former Governor J. C. W. Beckham, in keeping with the forecast given in this column last December as the result of a canvass of the counties by letter, will be the choice of the Democratic party. Congressman A. O. Stanley and Governor James B. McCreary will, of course, not agree with this statement, for they both maintain that their races are in satisfactory shape, and each professes belief that he will win. But as long as they both continue in the race there is no chance for either of them to beat Beckham, unless there should come unexpectedly some powerful force of reversion, and there would now be small chance of either winning with the other out of the way. Sentiment for Beckham is crystallizing and the supporters of both Stanley and McCreary are feeling it and deploring it, but they appear powerless to stop it. About two out of every three men one meets will say that Beckham is a certainty to win the nomination, though many at the same time declare that they do not intend to vote for him.—Cromwell's Lexington letter in Sunday's Enquirer.

HOW TO MEET THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The Democratic Congress, confronted by the fact that the tariff reductions have not affected the high cost of living, has undertaken to solve the problem of making outgo and income more nearly balance. The method adopted is so simple it is surprising that it was not adopted earlier. When the tariff bill was before Congress months were spent in futile discussion of rates and schedules in the hope that the reduction in necessities of life might reduce the cost of living. But we all know how lamentably that plan failed. Now Congress tackles the problem in a new way and has raised the salary of the clerks to the Representatives \$300 a year, so that when the Senate approves, as it will do under the rules of official courtesy, the problem of the high cost of living will have disappeared so far as the beneficiaries of this measure are concerned.

All that is now needed is for Congress to make similar appropriations for the relief of every one else. What better use could be made of the money of the people than to take the fear of want from the honest workingman? The wealth of the nation belongs to the producers of it and the best agent for distributing it is, of course, the great representative law-making body. The \$2 a day laborer must have \$2.25, the \$4 a day mechanic ought to receive \$5, the street car conductors should be allowed to pocket every fifth nickel and divide every night with the motorman to save the time of Congress in taking care of this group of wage earners. But it is not necessary to go into further details. Every man is the best judge of what he ought to get, and when the plan is in full working order, can be trusted to make his wishes known to his Congressman.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

President Wilson refused to cut wine from the naval mess list. No grape juice sea dogs for Woodrow.

Running a street carnival is a precarious calling, but when the weather man conspires against the carnival man, it is tough indeed.—Winchester Sun.

THE FIRST STEP.

The loss in net earnings of 478 railroads for February, 1914, was \$19,895,047, as compared with February a year ago. It was the most severe loss we have ever known. It was due largely to a falling off in the transportation of American products because of the lack of demand, and this after five months of the Democratic Free-Trade Tariff, the "first step" toward a complete abolishment of Protection. Shall we take another step or retrace the last?

WHAT IS WAR?

General Sherman is the author of the statement. "War is Hell." Recently we have noticed the modification, "This war is hell." So it is. Our President denies with much emphasis that we are at war with Mexico. He says there will be no war—we are friends of the Mexican people.

In contradistinction the newspapers report that we have taken Vera Cruz; that seventeen of our marines and 195 Mexicans were killed in the engagement. It is further reported that O'Shaughnessy has been given his passports and that the Mexican Minister here has been given his—acts heretofore considered to mark an end to peace. Truly, "this war is hell."—Pinnacle News.

THE RICH RICHER, THE POOR POORER.

Henry Higginson, a Boston banker, foretells not prosperity for the millions as the result of the policies of the present administration, but prosperity for the millionaires. He declares that people of small means are being driven into selling securities at far less than the real value and that the rich are buying them. His idea is that, instead of inducing general prosperity, the policy of the Democratic Government is operating in a way to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.—Yonkers Statesman.

Two classes of people profit by business depression, hard times and falling values: The millionaires with the big bank balances and the pawnbrokers. The greatly rich are able to take advantage of low prices, whether of stocks, bonds or real estate. They buy at the bottom, buy for the rise that never fails to come when Protection prosperity returns. The pawnbroker reaps a golden harvest from the necessities of workmen who have lost their jobs because of Free-Trade. Mr. Higginson is right in saying that Free-Trade makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.—American Economist.

FOOLISH PHILOSOPHY.

Many a man who strives to emulate the busy bee only succeeds in getting stung.

Many a guilty man escapes because he is so small he goes through the net.

A girl will forgive you for thinking she has no brains if you only think she is pretty.

Every man should marry for love. Then he won't be so apt to be reminded by his wife of what he married her for.



NOT A KNOCKER.

A worker in one of the mission settlements was speaking to some water-front boys with reference to Roman history. He touched upon the doings of Nero, giving a vivid picture of the cruelty of the emperor. It seemed to the speaker that he had fixed the idea of injustice and wickedness in the minds of his hearers. Then he began to ask a few questions.

"Boys, what do you think of Nero?" Silence, broken only by an uneasy shifting of the lads in their seats.

"Well, Clancy," said the lecturer, making an individual appeal, "what do you think of Nero? Would you say he was a good man? Would you like to know him?" Clancy hesitated. Finally, after again being urged to reply, he did so in these words:

"Well, he never done nothin' to me."—Harper's Magazine.

All estimates of a bridegroom are based on his ability to maintain a wife in luxury.

One reason a man believes in a hell is that there are certain persons whom he wishes to see punished.

Kentucky and Louisville are well represented at the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, which opened its session in Washington.

Administration anti-trust bills were sharply criticised by representatives of leading railroads before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.

Russell B. Whitman, advertising manager of the Hearst newspaper syndicate, says: "It is the bread, butter and meat of business getting. All other forms of publicity are the cake and dessert."

IS IT EASY TO BE GOOD?

If This Be So, Then Many Prefer to Do the Hard Things.

(From the Portsmouth Times.) Dr. Elliott says: "It is easy to be good." The doctor is a professor and that accounts for this statement. The world is full of professors on this very proposition. It is as natural to form the evil habits as it was for nature to place the worm in the chestnut burr. There is instilled in the youth a leaven of mischievousness that soon raises much devilment and the surrounding environment of suggestive shows, cigarettes, and other etcetera comes along in the natural course of his development and takes him by the arm and leads him along gilded paths that are luxuriantly fringed with nosegays and other beautiful flowers.

The boy goes along void of understanding and is cheered along the way. The route is made easy and the trend is as natural as the spring-time that has its seasons as regular as time. The turning point comes, and there is a struggle to shake off the old for the new, and it takes all the nerve backed by the grace of God to establish an equilibrium. As a writer says: "Worthless things are easy to get, but good things only with effort. Temptations line the pathway. The thoroughfare of rectitude is rough and rugged as well as fatiguing." Dr. Elliott knows this to be true, but the doctor is only like most of us simply a professor.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The Altoona, Pa., High School serves lunches daily to 1,500 students at a cost of 7 1/2-10 cents. There is a net profit each year of about \$400.

The teaching of home economics is now required by law in the elementary schools of Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Washington.

When six normal school professors at Fresno, Cal., found it was going to cost \$207 to install the new play apparatus of the normal school grounds the ygot together and did it themselves at a total cost of \$25.

A course in social service for parents has just been given at the National Kindergarten College, Chicago. Visiting nurses, playgrounds, juvenile courts, and social settlements were some of the topics treated.

A series of meetings for vocational discussion in the Abilene, Kansas, High School promises to develop into a Vocational Club. The boys of the school listen to representative men in different fields of work tell of the requirements and rewards of their particular kind of work.

In a "rapid-advancement class" in Boston, composed of the 36 brightest pupils of the 5th and 6th grades, and placed under the direction of one teacher from entrance to completion of the course, the children finished all the work of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in a year and a half. Only one hour a day was allowed these pupils for outside study.

Close observation of 600 school boys through a period of 7 years to discover the effects of the tobacco habit demonstrated to Supt. Davis, of Menominee, Mich., that the non-smokers averaged from 2 to 10 per cent higher in scholarship and were at still greater advantage in the athletics of the school. Idleness and poor conditions of home life were the almost invariable accompaniments of all cases of smoking and all cases of failure which he observed.

There are 100,000 students enrolled in professional schools in the United States this year, according to figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Education. Of these 85,102 are in endowed institutions; the remainder in institutions supported from public funds. The various professions are represented as follows: Theology, 10,905; law, 20,878; medicine, 17,238; dentistry, 8,015; pharmacy, 6,165; veterinary science, 2,324; nurse training, 34,417. New York State has the greatest number of

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